



Department of Health and Human Services
**Recognition of Illness Associated
With Chemical Exposure**



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Since September 11, 2001, concern in the United States has increased about potential terrorist attacks involving the use of chemical agents. The national focus of a potential chemical terrorism event is typically overt, involving a large explosion, dissemination of chemical or biological agents as aerosols, or volatile liquids. Recent cases involving intentional or inadvertent contamination of food or product tampering with chemicals have also highlighted the need for health-care providers and public health officials to be alert for patients in their communities who have signs and symptoms consistent with chemical exposures.

Goal

To increase the likelihood that health-care providers will recognize a chemical-release--related illness and that public health authorities will implement the appropriate emergency response and public health actions.

Objectives

Upon successful completion of the program, participants will be able to describe:

- Epidemiologic clues that might suggest the covert release of a chemical agent
- Public health strategies for responding to the release of a chemical agent
- Reporting requirements when a chemical release is suspected

Intended Audience

- Health-care providers, particularly first receivers
- Federal, state, and local public health
- Emergency management officials.

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Webcast Information

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